

CANDIDATES FORUM
WARD 3 COUNCIL SEAT
Wednesday, June 7

Cleveland Park Citizen Association
And Palisades Citizens Association

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

Cleveland Park Citizens Association (CPCA) President George Idelson and Palisades Citizens Association (PCA) President Spence Spencer opened the Forum with welcoming remarks and thanks to the administration of the John Eaton School for making the school available for the meeting.

Mr. Idelson invited members to drop their ballots for CPCA officers into the ballot box at the back of the room. He then introduced moderator Gregory Craig who then introduced the eight candidates for the Ward 3 Council seat: Sam Brooks, political consultant; Mary M. Cheh, Professor of Constitutional Law at George Washington University; Eric Gaull, Past President, Palisades Citizens Association; Robert Gordon, Chair, Chevy Chase, DC ANC; Eric Goulet, former staff person, DC Council; Bill Rice, former spokesperson for the DC Department of Transportation, Paul Strauss, former Chair, ANC #3; and Cathy Wiss, Chair ANC 3F.

Each candidate made an opening statement and then responded to questions.

Gregory Craig served as the Forum moderator and was assisted by Bruce Beckner (representing CPCA) and Jack Koczela (PCA). The moderators asked the candidates several opening questions and then fielded queries submitted by the audience. The questions targeted a number of topics related to the schools (composition of

the school board, school closings, increasing pre-K capacity, infrastructure issues, special education, and high school reform). Also raised were inquiries regarding candidates' positions on inclusionary zoning, and low income and workforce housing; how to improve emergency medical services; resident assessment issues, concerns about upper Wisconsin Avenue development; infrastructure of recreation facilities; and proposed open meetings for the DC Council.

Each candidate made a closing statement. The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Buchanan, Recording Secretary
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